[On the rear of the Pedestal, and facing the front door of the Education Department.]

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AS AN ENDURING MEMORIAL

OF THE PERSONAL WORTH AND THE GREAT PUBLIC SERVICES OF THE

REV. EGERTON RYERSON, D.D, LL.D.,

SON OF COLONEL JOSEPH RYERSON,

A BRITISH OFFICER DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, AND ONE OF THE DEVOTED BAND OF UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS WHICH SETTLED THIS AND OTHER PROVINCES OF THE DOMINION.

HE WAS AN HISTORIAN OF THE HEROISM AND SELF-SACRIFICE OF THESE NOBLE AND EXILED UPHOLDERS OF THE UNITY OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

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A PIONEER MISSIONARY TO THE INDIANS, AND A DISTINGUISHED MINISTER OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, 1825—1882.

HE OBTAINED IN ENGLAND FOR THAT CHURCH A ROYAL CHARTER FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE

UPPER CANADA ACADEMY AT COBOURG,

—THE FIRST CHARTERED INSTITUTION OF THE KIND IN THE COLONIES—

AFTERWARDS THE

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA COLLEGE,

OF WHICH HE WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT.

IN FOUNDING THE

SCHOOL SYSTEM OF HIS NATIVE PROVINCE,

HE DISPLAYED THE RARE GIFTS OF A

FAR-SEEING AND ENLIGHTENED STATESMAN,

AND WAS THE

ABLE ADMINISTRATOR OF THAT SYSTEM FOR 32 YEARS, 1844—1876.

Born

IN CHARLOTTEVILLE, COUNTY OF NORFOLK, MARCH 24, 1803.

Died

AT TORONTO FEBRUARY 19, 1882, AGED 79 YEARS.

"It is my earnest desire ... to provide for my native country a System of Education and facilities for intellectual improvement not second to those of any country in the world."—*Letter, Accepting Office*, 1844.

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